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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
TETSURO MOTOYAMA : GROUP ART UNIT: 2757  
SERIAL NO: 09/192,583 :  
FILED: NOVEMBER 17, 1998 : EXAMINER: HO, C.

FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
COMMUNICATING WITH A  
DEVICE ATTACHED TO A  
COMPUTER USING ELECTRONIC  
MAIL MESSAGES

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 28, 2000, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 23 as follows:

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A1  
--1. (Amended) A method of processing messages, comprising the steps of:  
receiving an electronic mail message by a computer;  
determining whether the message which has been received is for a device associated  
with the computer, the device being a business office device including a processor; [and]  
transmitting a communication from the computer to the device, when the step of  
determining determines that the message is for the device; and  
operating the processor of the device in response to the communication.

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